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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Mercer Patrick</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1212 TERRA BELLA AVENUE</u> _____ (Street) <u>MOUNTAIN CA 94043</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IRIDEX CORP [ IRIX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>X</b> _____ <b>COO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/27/2022</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/27/2022		A		35,570 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	87,354	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2022		F		71 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$2.27	87,283	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$2.28	10/27/2022		A		72,218		(3)	10/27/2029	Common Stock	72,218	\$0.00	72,218	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each share is represented by a restricted stock unit (RSU). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement. The RSUs vest as to one-third of the shares on June 30, 2023 and each one-year anniversary thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing as a service provider through each such date.
- These shares have been withheld in an exempt disposition to the Issuer under Rule 16b-3(e), to satisfy the Issuer's income tax withholding and remittance obligations in connection with the net settlement of restricted stock units and does not represent a sale by the Reporting Person.
- The option vests as to one-third of the shares on June 30, 2023 and each one-year anniversary thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person continuing as a service provider through each such date.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Nilo De Castro, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick Mercer 10/31/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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